

ORDER NO. 3761

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Chairman;
Mark Acton, Vice Chairman;
Tony Hammond; and
Nanci E. Langley

Minor Correction to Product Description
in Mail Classification Schedule

Docket No. MC2017-80

NOTICE AND ORDER CONCERNING MINOR CORRECTIONS
TO PRIORITY MAIL EXPRESS INTERNATIONAL

(Issued January 27, 2017)

I. INTRODUCTION

On January 19, 2017, the Postal Service filed a notice of filing minor corrections to the Priority Mail Express International (PMEI) product description in the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS), in response to Order No. 3622 and Commission rule 39 CFR 3020.90.¹ The Postal Service also presents proposed changes to the MCS. Notice at 2, 4-5. The Postal Service states that the proposed changes are minor in

¹ Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing Minor Corrections to a Product Description in Response to Order No. 3622, January 19, 2017, at 1 (Notice); see Docket No. CP2017-20, Order Approving Price Adjustments for Competitive Products, November 18, 2016 (Order No. 3622).

nature and consistent with applicable provisions of title 39, especially 39 U.S.C. 3633 and 39 CFR part 3015. *Id.* at 2.

Order No. 3622. In Docket No. CP2017-20, the Postal Service proposed a discount for some PMEI items presented at retail.² Governors' Decision No. 16-7 explained that weight-rated PMEI mailpieces presented at retail may be offered at prices equivalent to Priority Mail International (PMI) for certain destinations and certain weight steps. Docket No. CP2017-20 Notice at 7. In Docket No. CP2017-20, Chairman's Information No. 1 requested information related to the destinations and weight steps included in the PMEI discount.³ In its response, the Postal Service provided a list of destinations and weight steps included in the PMEI discount under seal.⁴

In Order No. 3622, the Commission acknowledged the potential commercial harm that could result from premature public disclosure of the destination countries and the weight steps that are eligible for the PMEI discount but that implementing the PMEI discount resolves the Postal Service's competitive concerns. Docket No. CP2017-20, Order No. 3622 at 11. The Commission directed the Postal Service to file a proceeding pursuant to 39 CFR 3020.90 *et seq.*, to update the MCS descriptions to include a list of destination countries to which the PMEI discount applies. *Id.* at 12, 13. The Postal Service states that its Notice in this docket is filed pursuant to the Commission's directive in Order No. 3622. Notice at 1-2.

II. NOTICE OF COMMISSION ACTION

Pursuant to 39 CFR 3020.91, the Commission has posted the Notice on its website and invites comments on whether the Postal Service's filings in Docket No.

² Docket No. CP2017-20, Notice of the United States Postal Service of Changes in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products Established in Governors' Decision No. 16-7, October 19, 2016, at 2 (Docket No. CP2017-20 Notice).

³ Docket No. CP2017-20, Chairman's Information Request No. 1, October 24, 2016, question 5a.

⁴ Docket No. CP2017-20, Response of the United States Postal Service to Chairman's Information Request No. 1 Question 5, October 28, 2016, question 5a.

MC2017-80 are consistent with the title 39 and applicable Commission regulations. Comments are due no later than February 3, 2017. The public portions of these filings can be accessed via the Commission's website (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints Samuel M. Poole to represent the interests of the general public (Public Representative) in this docket.

III. ORDERING PARAGRAPHS

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. MC2017-80 to consider matters raised by the Notice.
2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Samuel M. Poole is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.
3. Comments by interested persons are due by February 3, 2017.

By the Commission.

Stacy L. Ruble
Secretary